

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Called Meeting
AGENDA
Dahlonega City Hall
465 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia
January 8, 2009
Following 9:00 A.M. Work Session**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Elect Vice Chairman
- Public Comment Time Limit
- Budget – Allow County Manager permission to take action on furloughs and lay offs
- Board of Commissioners – County Manager present at all meetings
- Board of Commissioners/County Manager's Office – Office Security
- Request Modification to Law Enforcement Center
- Health Department Construction Delivery Method
- Comprehensive Plan Short Term Work Program (*set Work Session date*)
- Request for Land Use Map Amendment (*set Public Hearing date*)
- Request for Road Abandonment – Sheep Wallow Road (*set Public Hearing date*)

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Litigation)

VI. ADJOURN

Chairman Raber

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE
LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 8, 2009

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Raber called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. in a meeting room at the Lumpkin County Park & Recreation Community Center. Present were John Raber, Bill Scott, Tim Bowden, Clarence Stowers and Clarence Grindle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve the agenda. This motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Elect Vice Chairman

Motion: Commissioner Scott moved to elect Clarence Stowers as the Vice Chairman for 2009. This motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by Bill Scott, Tim Bowden and Clarence Grindle. Commissioner Stowers did not vote. Motion carried.

Public Comment Time Limit

Chairman Raber said he wants to set a limit on the number of minutes each person can speak during the Public Comments portion of the Regular Meetings. Expressions or opinions merely repeating a previous speaker will not receive the allowable three minutes although their agreement or disagreement will be noted.

Motion: Commissioner Bowden made a motion to establish a three minute per person time limit on public comment at the Regular Meetings. That motion was seconded by Bill Scott. Commissioners Scott, Bowden and Grindle approved the motion. Commissioner Stowers was opposed. Motion carried.

Budget – Allow County Manager permission to take action on furloughs and lay offs

Motion: Commissioner Grindle moved to allow the current County Manager permission to take action on furloughs and lay offs. This motion was seconded by Tim Bowden. Commissioners Scott, Stowers and Grindle approved. Commissioner Bowden was opposed. Motion carried.

Board of Commissioners – County Manager present at all meetings

Chairman Raber said he is very concerned that the County Manager has a full understanding of what takes place in meetings between citizens and board members and in turn should be involved in any meeting if at all possible. There was discussion on this matter but no action was taken.

Board of Commissioners/County Manager's Office – Office Security

The Chairman said he is concerned that people walk into the staff area of the office. The County Manager said he is looking at this at this time to determine what might improve this situation. No action was taken.

Request Modification to Law Enforcement Center

Sheriff Jarrard has three matters to place before the Board of Commissioners. He wants to take out a wall that had been added under the previous Sheriff's administration. Removing this wall will be done with inmate labor and materials will be reused to create a knee wall. The Sheriff said he has found office space within the law enforcement center for those currently using the trailer so he wants to get rid of the trailer. The space occupied by the trailer will revert to parking spaces. Finally, the Sheriff said he wants all but one at-will employee position to go back under civil service.

Motion: Commissioner Scott made a motion to approve all three requested items. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers.

Following discussion Commissioner Scott withdrew his motion.

Motion: Commissioner Scott then moved to approve removal of the wall and the trailer. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

Health Department Construction Delivery Method

Mark French recommends construction management-at-risk and Kevin Hamby (CHA) recommends that we use Winter Construction Company. Chairman Raber turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Stowers for this matter as the Chairman's son is a carpenter with Winter Construction.

Motion: Commissioner Bowden made a motion to proceed with the staff recommendation for construction management-at-risk. The motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle. Bill Scott, Tim Bowden and Clarence Grindle approved the motion. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Stowers then turned the meeting back over to Chairman Raber.

Comprehensive Plan Short Term Work Program

A minimum of 15 days notice is needed following advertisement in the newspaper. This work session will be Tuesday, February 17th at 4:00 p.m. The required public hearing will be February 19, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Request for Land Use Map Amendment

This public hearing will be February 5, 2008 following the 9 a.m. Work Session.

Request for Road Abandonment – Sheep Wallow Road

This public hearing will be February 19, 2009 at 5:15 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

Motion: Commissioner Scott made a motion to come out of regular session and go into Executive Session at 10:57 a.m. All district commissioners approved the motion and the motion carried.


The Chairman stated that existing and pending litigation and a personnel matter were discussed in the executive session with no action needed.

ADJOURN

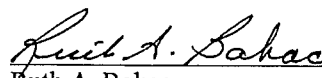
There being no further business Chairman Raber called for a motion to adjourn at 11:32 a.m.

Motion: Commissioner Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Clarence Grindle and approved by all district commissioners. Motion carried.

1/22/2009
Date


John Raber, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County